

JOURNAL

Of all that happen'd in the MARCH of the

VAUDOIS

Till their Arrival in the Valleys of *St. Martin* and *Lufern* ;

Written from *Lausanne* the 19th. of *September* 1689. to an
Eminent Merchant in *London*, with the Number of
those that pass'd the Lake to joyn them.

LICENS'D *September* 27th. 1689. J. F.

THE *Vaudois* to the number which I mention'd in the last that I sent you, set forward from this City about fifteen days since, with a Resolution to go into the Valleys of *Piemont*, distant from hence about five and thirty Leagues. I was one of those that desir'd one of the Magistrates of this place, to let them have the conveniency of Boats, for that Monsieur the Bailiff had forbid the people here to furnish them with any, tho' under hand he was willing enough they should have them, as being one that wish'd well to the common Cause, however he is forced to observe some little measures and punctillios by reason of the Neutrality: But at length I engag'd Monsieur *le Bourgeois* one of the Judges to go to the Fort at two of the Clock at Night, whither I accompanied him, and obtain'd permission, that the *Vaudois* might be furnish'd with Boats: We also assisted them with all such other necessities as lay in our power. They had an extraordinary good passage over the Lake; and as they march'd forward, they seiz'd upon the Priests and Lords of the Villages through which they pass'd. But finding by that time they had gone two days march, that there was a Bridge broken down to impede their passing farther; they threatened their Prisoners to put them to death, if they did not take care to have the Bridge repair'd; so that the Country people that liv'd on the other side were forc'd to repair the Bridge, which the *Vaudois* pass'd in good Order.

The Duke of *Savoy* having intelligence of their March, rais'd the Militia of his own Country, and sent away a Courier to the Marquis *de Larre* Colonel of Dragoons, and Commander of the Forces in the Dauphinate, to stop the farther progress of the *Vaudois*, who were then upon the Frontiers. Thither therefore he hasten'd with four Troops of Dragoons, whom he caus'd to break down a Bridge, and Entrench'd the Militia of *Savoy* in the same place to dispute the passage. But the *Vaudois* upon the first discharge which they made, kill'd the Commander of the *Savoyards*, who was a Marquis also, with several others, which put the rest into such a Terror that they abandon'd the Pass. Here the *Vaudois* lost a Minister and four Souldiers, whom the Enemy carried bound to *Chamberg*, and there hang'd them up.

Afterwards Monsieur *Larre* meeting them with four Troops of Dragoons, ask'd them whither they were going; they Answer'd they were going to their own homes; by whose Order? To whom? Their Minister Mr. *Arnould* who has appear'd all along at the Head of them; Replied, by Order of the King of England, William the Third. Upon which the Commander told 'em, that they were a Company of Vagabond Rascals, and that he would trample them to death under his Horses Feet, and so Commanded his Dragoons to ride up to them, which Mr. *Arnould* seeing, prepar'd his people

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ple to receive them accordingly, which they did; and after a Fight that lasted two Hours, they won the Victory, having kill'd a hundred and fifty of the Dragoons, and two Captains, besides five or six more Inferiour Officers kill'd and wounded; and Mr. *de Larre* wounded in the Elbow of which he is since dead: Of the *Vandois* not above fifteen or twenty kill'd and wounded.

Thus they enter'd into the Valleys of *of Pregolas* which are under the Dominion of *France*, where about two hundred of the Inhabitants of the said Valleys joyn'd them. In their March they pill'd the Abby of *Ouls* in the French Territory; where they found 180000 Livres, or 10000 *l.* English, and twenty four Monks, whom they carried along with them as Hostages. They also took upon the Mountains above twenty Thousand Sheep. At the same time they met the Baggage belonging to the Popes Nuncio, returning from *Paris* to *Rome*. They open'd the Packs, and took out all the Plate, but meddl'd with nothing else; but besides all this Booty, they found the Valleys of *St. Martins* and *Lusern*, where they are now *Ann'd*, well stor'd with Corn, which makes us believe they will find it a difficult thing to make them dislodge from thence, having expell'd the *Savoyards* that liv'd in the Vale to the very tops of all the Mountains. All *Savoy* is in Arms, to prevent those that have taken Sanctuary in *Switzerland*, from going to their Assistance, as it is believ'd they will do; the *Switzers* not at all opposing the Levies which they make in those parts.

The Duke of *Savoy* has Written a very severe Letter to the *Switzers* upon this occasion, which they have taken very ill, no less offended that he had broken his word with them, in not restoring to them the Ministers and Children of the *Vandois*. The Canton of *Oury*, which is a popish Canton, has deliver'd up a hundred and five of those poor people to the Embassador of *Savoy*, after they had robb'd them of all their Cloaths and mony, and put four of them to the Rack, to make them discover the designs of the rest of their Brethren, but they would not confess any thing. The Embassador has caus'd them to be tied two and two together, and sent them away into *Savoy*, for fear that the Lords of *Zuric* and of *Berne* should redemand them, which they did; to whom the popish Cantons return'd for Answer, that they had deliver'd them up already, but with this condition, that no harm should be done them; which very much displeas'd the Lords of *Zuric* and *Berne*; insomuch that it proved the occasion of a Rupture between them.

There are already departed above 1500 Men to joyn those that are March'd before; in order to which they have pass'd the Lake, and two Thousand more are ready to Embark, with a resolution to follow them. They are all French that fled for Refuge, except four hundred *Vandois*, who came hither as soon as they understood the departure of the rest, And had not Monsieur the Bailiff forbid the *Switzers*, upon pain of death, not to stir out of the State, there would have gone above two thousand. However this has not hindred a very considerable number from going, finding the *Vandois* so successful in their Enterprizes.

It is hoped, that the King of *England* will prevail with the King of *Spain* to declare war against the Duke of *Savoy*; to the end the *Milainois* Governors may be ordered to furnish them with all such necessaries which they shall stand in need of. For otherwise, it will be a difficult thing for these poor people to preserve what they have got. The King of *France* having order'd the forces of of the *Dauphinate* to march, to expel them from those places where a little Assistance would defend them from all the force of their Enemies. The Embassador of *France* at *Geneva* makes a great noise and speaks loud upon this occasion. We expect with impatience the result of the Consultations of the Assembly at *Baden*. *Savoy* is all in Arms, and the people are strangely alarm'd, at so many Commotions. The French Troops are quartered round about *Geneva*: However as yet all things are quiet: In expectation of more News I remain, *T O U R S, &c*

We thought it not from the purpose to gratifie the Curiosity of the Reader to add this Century of *Nostre Damus* in regard it agrees so well and falls out so pat to the Condition of *France* at this time,

When ere the Crescent shall decrease,
An Eagle shall the mighty Cock deplume,
In Sixteen hundred Eighty Nine

Great Changes then by death shall come.
The same Fate shall two Kings attend,
Good Cheese to Calvin and his Friend.

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